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FOLLOWING TEL SENT PRETORIA IMMEDIATE SEP 18 IS REPEATED
HEREWITH FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE

E.O. 11652: C/A

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SUBJECT: LESOTHO INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 229546

1. LESOTHO INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM NOT YET AVAILABLE IN
FINAL FORM BUT FOLLOWING PROPOSED PROGRAM ELICITED ORALLY FROM
GOL PROTOCOL. INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM FOR ASST. SECY. SCHAUFLE
(SCHEDULE OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PM/FONMIN) NOT YET AVAIL-
ABLE.

2. ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL, FONMIN WILL HOST RECEPTION FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 1 AT 1830. IN EMBASSY VIEW, HOWEVER, THIS MAY NOT
MATERIALIZE SINCE IT APPEARS MOST DELEGATIONS ARRIVING SATURDAY. IN ANY
CASE, IN

OUR VIEW IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO CONSIDER FRIDAY ARRIVAL.
HOWEVER, PROPOSED ARRIVAL IN MASERU (PARA 1 REFTEL) AT 1150 OCT 2

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SAT. CONFLICTS WITH ANTICIPATED ARRIVALS OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND

GOL PROTOCOL REQUESTS, THEREFORE, THAT SCHAUFLE ARRIVAL BE ADVANCED TO 1115. MORNING ARRIVAL MUCH PREFERRED, BUT IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE,

GOL SUGGESTS POSTPONING ARRIVAL TO 1600 SAT.

3. PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS OUTLINED BELOW. THERE MAY BE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES HOWEVER, SINCE MUCH DOES NOT YET HAVE CABINET LEVEL APPROVAL.

OCT 1 FRI 1830 RECEPTION HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER

OCT 2 SAT 1400 OPENING OF NATIONAL EXHIBITION

1500 OPENING OF CANNING FACTORY

1800 OPENING OF NTTC LEARNING CENTER

PRIVATE DINNER
ARRANGEMENTS

OCT 3 SUN 0900 JOINT CHURCH SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY TRADITIONAL DANCING

LUNCHEON PERIOD OPEN

1830 RECEPTION HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER

PRIVATE DINNER ARRANGEMENTS

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

OCT 4 MON 0900 PARADE WITH HIS MAJESTY PRESENT

LUNCHEON OPEN

1400 UNVEILING OF STATUE OF EARLY MOSTHO WAR HERO

1600 FOOTBALL MATCH WITH HIS MAJESTY PRESENT

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2000 STATE DINNER HOSTED BY HIS MAJESTY

4. AT THIS JUNCTURE, THERE IS NO RPT NO EXPECTATION THAT A SPEECH OR PUBLIC STATEMENT IS EXPECTED. WE ARE FREE TO DECIDE WHETHER ASST. SECY SCHAUFLE SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT OR NOT. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO DO SO AND IS PREPARING PROPOSED TEXT. THERE WOULD ALSO BE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH INFORMATION MEDIA REPS IF DESIRED. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT DECISION AS TO DESIRABILITY

OF MEETING WITH MEDIA SHOULD BE POSTPONED PENDING OUTCOME OF SECRETARY'S MEETINGS IN PRETORIA.

5. ONLY REAL PROBLE WITH SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR ASST SECY SCHAUFLE IS DEPARTURE AFTERNOON OF INDEPENDENCE DAY (OCT 4) WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE HIS PRESENCE AT STATE BANQUET TO BE HOSTED BY KING MOSHOESHOE II. AS THIS IS HIGH POINT AND CULMINATION OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED DIPLOMATIC EVENTS, RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT ASST SECY POSTPONE HIS DEPARTURE TO MORNING OCT 5 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

6. WE FORESEE NO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS. PROPOSE UTILIZING AMBASSADOR'S APARTMENT (3 BEDROOMS) FOR MR. SCHAUFLE (AND PARTY?). IN THIS CONNECTION, NEED TO KNOW NAMES OF OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY, IF ANY.

7. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD SOONEST FIRM PROGRAM, PROPOSED TEXT OF STATEMENT, AS WELL AS POINTS WHICH GOL WISHES TO RAISE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ASST SECY.
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